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Panel Discussion: Integration of CALFED End of Stage 1 Decisions, Delta Vision, and the Bay-Delta Conservation Plan

Information Item

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Future Visions and Lessons Learned

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New and Current Initiatives

- Bay-Delta Conservation Plan
- Delta Vision
- CALFED End of Stage 1 Decisions

Bay-Delta Conservation Plan

Objective:

An applicant-driven effort to provide for the conservation and management of aquatic species and regulatory assurances related to water supply reliability and water quality

Bay-Delta Conservation Plan

What's New:

- **Steering Committee has completed the Planning Agreement and it is being circulated for public review.**

Bay-Delta Conservation Plan

What's Next:

- **Steering Committee is beginning selection of consultants and preparation of the BDCP**

Delta Vision

Objective:

An integrated vision and strategy that will provide for the environmental and economic stability of the Delta, as a resource of local, state and national significance

Delta Vision

What's New:

- AB 1803 Authorization of the Delta Strategic Plan
- Hiring a Delta Vision Program Manager
- Availability of a Draft Work Program
- WEF Workshop - November 8 in Los Angeles

Delta Vision

What's Next:

- Integrating Separate Planning Efforts
- Assessing risks and consequences of “Business as Usual”
- Preparing the Delta contingency and emergency response plan
- Identifying priority Delta functions and values

Delta Vision

What's Next:

- Developing a sustainable Delta vision
- Developing a strategic plan to implement the vision
- Using the vision and strategic plan to inform planning decisions

CALFED End of Stage 1 Decisions

Objective:

Make recommendations for future water supply reliability and ecosystem actions in the Delta

CALFED End of Stage 1 Decisions

Current Activities:

- **Compiling relevant information to answer ROD questions.**
- **Scenario Development/Gaming**
- **Assessing Past Program Performance**

CALFED End of Stage 1 Decisions

What's Next:

- Agency draft October 2006
- Public draft for joint BDPAC/ Authority meeting December 2006
- Public/Agency Participation 2007
- Recommendations late summer 2007

Integration of Delta Vision, BDCP, and Stage 1 Efforts

CALFED End of Stage 1 Decisions and Stage 2 Planning

Evaluate major actions in the CALFED Record of Decision and make recommendations for future water supply and ecosystem actions in the Delta

Delta Vision

Vision and strategic plan that will provide for the environmental stability of the Delta, as a set of resources of local, state and national significance

Bay-Delta Conservation Plan

Applicant driven effort to develop a plan to provide for the conservation and management of aquatic species to provide regulatory assurances related to water supply and water quality

Integration: Challenges and Opportunities

- Common questions to be answered
- Common stakeholders
- Some flying at 30,000 ft elevation, others right off the deck
- Different decision-making structures
- Different schedule drivers

Related Efforts

- General Plan Updates and Regional Efforts
- Revised OCAP Biological Opinions
- California Water Plan
- NOAA Recovery Plans
- Delta Native Fishes Recovery Plan
- SWRCB Clean Water Initiative
- Others

Integration of the Delta Vision, BDCP, and Stage 1 Efforts

Coordinated:

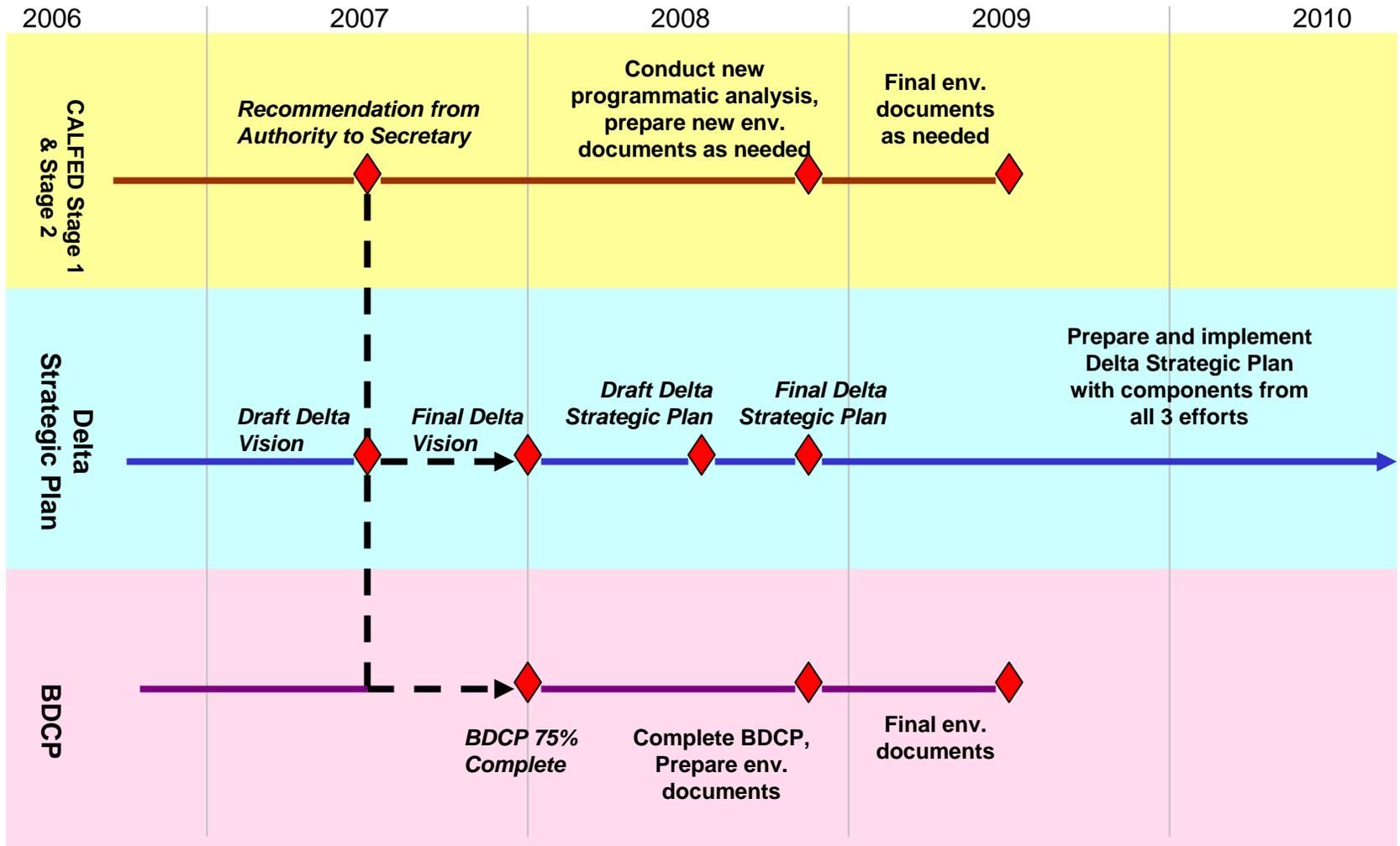
- Schedules with defined linkages
- Public outreach

Integration of the Delta Vision, BDCP, and Stage 1 Efforts

Shared:

- Potential future conditions
- Alternative scenarios
- Scientific expertise and review

Integration of Delta Vision, BDCP, and Stage 1 Efforts



BDPAC's Role

BDPAC and its subcommittees will review and make recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior, and the Authority on End of Stage 1 documents

Facilitated Discussion

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Question 1:

What are your thoughts about the challenges and opportunities of developing a durable vision for the Delta?

Question 2:

Are there others lessons learned that we should be thinking about?

Question 3:

How do we structure stakeholder efforts to avoid stakeholder overload?